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1	Section A	In reference to the Amendment 01 to the Portsmouth Environmental Technical Services Solicitation (DE-SOL-0003603) released on 9/21/12, on page 2 under Section A. 1, it mentions that SF 33 Block 11 page numbers were updated. We did not find an updated SF33 with this Amendment 01. Please advise if an updated version will be released so we can include it in the Volume I submission.	The revised Standard Form 33 will be posted to the procurement website with Amendment 01.
2	L.3	<i>We have questions related to Evaluation Criterion I – Relevant Past Performance (page 156) and Evaluation Criterion 4 – Relevant Company Performance (page 160). As they are presently written they appear duplicative in that they require submission of Attachment L-3. The instructions for Evaluation Factor I and IV can be interpreted to mean that a narrative section introducing Attachment L-3 is to be included. However, Evaluation Factor 4 states: “DOE does not want and will not evaluate a summary section highlighting relevant experience that is submitted in addition to Attachment L-3. The contracts referenced for each entity shall be the same contracts for which Past Performance information is provided for in Evaluation</i>	Relevant Company Experience (Criterion 4) shall be exclusively addressed in the offeror’s proposal using the form at Attachment L-3. No additional summary information will be evaluated for Criterion 4. Relevant Past Performance shall be exclusively addressed in the offeror’s proposal using the forms at Attachment L-3 and L-5. Attachment L-3 does not need to be submitted twice under Criterion 1 and 4.

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		<p><i>Criterion 1 – Relevant Past Performance above.”</i></p> <p><i>Is it DOE’s intent that the response Evaluation Factor I and IV be addressed as a single proposal section in the form of a narrative within the body of the Volume II Technical Proposal, and separate from Attachment L-3? Or is it DOE’s intent that past performance information be exclusively addressed in Attachment L-3.</i></p>	
3	Atch L-6	<p>2. Attachment L-6 Cost Templates and Instructions, Exhibit F – Detailed Cost by WBS, requires identifying costs elements for each WBS, for each fiscal year. “A separate worksheet is required for each proposed WBS, for each fiscal year costs are proposed”. Our questions are – (1) The WBS Elements cover 3 to 5 levels, e.g. 3 levels - C.3.1 or 5 levels - C.3.11.2.1. For Exhibit F, if Government requires the detailed WBS cost break down by the 5th WBS level and by each fiscal year, there are 22 WBS and 6 fiscal years. There will be 127 tabs/spreadsheets for Exhibit F only. Will DOE consider having the cost break down by the 3rd WBS level? (2) Without the available historical spending data, there are practical difficulties to estimate the ODCs, travel,</p>	<p>See response to #3 in the Questions and Answers dated 10/4/12 on the procurement website regarding the WBS level for cost proposals.</p> <p>Additionally, Offeror’s shall propose Other Direct Costs (ODCs) inclusive of travel, relocation, material, material overhead, and any other ODCs on a fiscal year basis as follows:</p> <p>FY13: \$83 Thousand</p> <p>FY14-FY17: \$250 Thousand (per FY)</p> <p>FY18: \$167 Thousand</p> <p>Offerors shall adjust the cost worksheets in</p>

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		material and relocation by the 3 rd or 5 th WBS level. Will Government consider ODCs, travel, material and relocation estimate at per fiscal year basis? We request Government provide the plug-in numbers for ODCs, travel, materials and relocation to ensure realism is evaluated consistently on all Offerors' proposals.	Attachment L-6 cost templates accordingly based on the above plug numbers for the above stated ODCs.
4	L.4	On page 164 of the RFP, there is a reference to transition costs under WBS 1.23 which is PWS Section C.3.1. Please advise where can we find WBS 1.23?	See response to #22 in the Questions and Answers dated 9/28/12 on the procurement website.
5	Attachment L-6; Exhibit F	1. Attachment L-6 Cost Templates and Instructions_8-6-12, Exh F – Detailed Cost by WBS. This Exhibit F requires “Insert Direct Labor Categories Proposed” for major subcontractor equal or >3 million. If the Prime is required to list all 33 labor categories in Exhibit F for prime’s portion and also required to list every labor categories proposed by each major subcontractors, the Exhibit F will be very lengthy. Not to mention Exhibit F requires 127 tabs to show the detailed cost elements for each WBS by each fiscal year. Since the major subcontractor is required to submit the Attachment L-6 in sealed envelope at the same detailed level as the Prime, we request DOE allow major subcontractor’s labor cost	<p>See response to #3 in the Questions and Answers dated 10/4/12 on the procurement website regarding the WBS level for the cost proposal.</p> <p>Additionally, proposed major or critical subcontractors greater than \$3M may submit directly to DOE any detailed proprietary cost data for labor. See response to Question #3 above regarding the plug number for ODCs.</p> <p>As instructed at Exhibit F – Detailed Cost by WBS, for major or critical subcontractors with proposed work equal to or greater than \$3 million over the period of performance, offerors shall insert direct labor</p>

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		(inclusive of direct labor, fringe, overhead and G&A) be a single line item in the Exhibit F. Also since it is common business practice that Subcontractor does not disclose its proprietary fringe, overhead, and G&A rates to the Prime, Prime will not be able to provide the line items in Exhibit F for Subcontractor's direct labor rate, fringe, overhead, and G&A costs. All these proprietary information will be in Subcontractor's sealed package and DOE can verify the detailed labor information from Subcontractor's sealed package.	categories proposed, showing direct labor hours, direct labor rates and direct labor cost on the Offeror's Exhibit F worksheets. The offeror may provide the detailed cost element information requested for major or critical subcontractors with proposed work equal to or greater than \$3 million over the period of performance on its Exhibit F cost worksheets using fully burdened direct labor rates and fully burdened non-labor unit rates that were used to develop the proposed costs for the respective entities.
6	L.3	Please clarify if three (3) total reference past performance are required for a JV or team, or if each JV member and subcontractor are required to provide three each. Our interpretation is that a total of three (3) projects are requested for the prime offeror (inclusive of the prime offeror, JV members, and subcontractors).	In accordance with Section L.3(C)(I)(1), the offeror shall provide completed Attachment L-3 forms for three (3) contract/projects for the offeror, each joint venture partner, LLC member and each proposed major or critical subcontractors.

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7	L.3	A 35 page limitation for Volume II is indicated on Page 156. The page limitation noted on Attachment L-3 is 7 pages for each project. Is it correct to interpret that the completed Attachment L-3 forms and resumes are excluded from the 35 page limitation for Volume II.	See response to #17, 18 and 19 in the Questions and Answers dated 9/28/12 on the procurement website. Attachment L-3 is not included in the 35-page limitation.
8	General	Is the DUF6 project oversight included in the scope of the Portsmouth Environmental Technical Services contract? If so, can a teaming partner on a bidder's team recues themselves of the DUF6 scope within the team to mitigate Conflict of Interest concern?	DUF6 support is not required under the Portsmouth ETS procurement.
9	General	Will the Government provide a copy of the detailed Baseline and WBS (at the C.X.X.X.X (5th level)), that would allow the bidders to adequately address the PWS elements for a FY? We would like to improve our understanding of project needs to submit a fully compliant approach to the project for each FY. This includes the deliverables to support a future WBS such as that listed in Attachment L-	See response to #30 in the Questions and Answers dated 9/28/12 on the procurement website. All required Portsmouth ETS deliverables are identified in the Section J, Attachment J-4.

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		8 for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.	
10	General	Will the Government provide a copy of the detailed Baseline and WBS (at the C.X.X.X.X (5th level)) for Fluor-B&W Portsmouth (FBP) planning document so that the Offeror can adequately address the PWS elements for a FY? We would like to improve our understanding of project needs to submit a fully compliant approach to the project for each FY. This includes the deliverables to support a future WBS such as that listed in Attachment L-8 for July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.	See response to #30 in the Questions and Answers dated 9/28/12 on the procurement website. Also see response to Question # 12 below regarding Portsmouth D&D contract deliverables.
11	L.4	Will the Government provide the details for any known ODC's by each FY in support of this solicitation (e.g. consideration of fixed costs) that each bidder should consider when developing their cost proposal?	See response to Question #3 above.
12	General	Please provide a list of regulatory compliance deliverables and consent order requirements (if any) that are attributable to the site and this program.	All required Portsmouth ETS deliverables for the anticipated contract are identified in Section J, Attachment J-4. Offerors may review the PPPO website to view the site's regulatory drivers and the Portsmouth D&D contract to review deliverable requirements under the

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			current contract for information purposes.
13	L.4	Considering Other Direct Costs, can the Government provide historical expense for travel, relocation, and Other Direct Costs? Or can the Government provide a “plug-in” ODCs estimate so that cost realism can be evaluated fairly and consistently?	See response to Question #3 above.
14	L.4	Considering Direct Labor Cost, can the Government provide historical FTE estimate for each labor category? Or can the Government provide a “plug-in” FTE level estimate by each labor category so that cost realism can be evaluated fairly and consistently.	<p>Historical Service Level information is provided in Attachment L-8 for proposal preparation purposes to indicate to offerors the level of effort that is currently being provided to DOE for significant elements of the PWS.</p> <p>Additionally, offerors may review the Not-to-Exceed hours ordered under the current contract, which may be found on the procurement website, for information purposes only.</p>
15	H.10	Will it be one single point of contact thru one COR for technical direction or there will be multiple CORs? Can you clarify guidance for emerging or urgent technical direction, especially related to un-anticipated ODCs such	<p>There will be a single COR designated in accordance with Section G.1(d).</p> <p>It is not anticipated that “emerging or urgent” technical direction will result in un-anticipated travel requirements. However, in the event that such would</p>

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		as travel?	occur, any un-anticipated ODCs such as travel would be included in the plug number provided for ODCs. See response to Question #3 above.
16	C.12	Does the specified minimum labor qualifications, particular in education requirements, can be addressed by equivalence of number of working years?	The minimum labor qualifications are identified by labor category in Section C.12. The education requirements for each labor category are noted therein.
17	L.3 A (2) and B	Please confirm Table of Contents, Cross-Reference Matrix, Lists of Tables and Figures will not be counted for the 35 pages limit? Will the "Executive Summary" of technical discussion be limited in the total 35 pages limit?	See responses to #17, #18, and #19 in the Questions and answers dated 9/28/12 on the procurement website for exclusions from the 35-page limitation.
18	G.4	Can the Government reaffirm 10 Holidays, despite the Services Contract Act (SCA) Wage Determination stipulated 11 holidays for SCA positions?	In addition to the 10 Holidays identified in RFP Section G.4, <i>Good Friday</i> is another holiday recognized for SCA positions.
19	Section H.4	Can the Government provide the number of incumbent staff qualified under Section H.4 as Nondisplacement of qualified workers by each labor category?	The number of incumbent staff qualified under Section H.4 will not be provided. However, the impacted labor categories that fall under the Service Contract Act has been added in Attachment L-11.

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20	L.4	For the cost proposal preparation purpose, what should the bidder use as the annual direct productive labor hours for per full time equivalent (FTE)? Should it be 1,920 per 1 FTE, or 1880, 1800, or another?	<p>The Historical Service Level information that is provided in Attachment L-8 for proposal preparation purposes includes the direct productive labor hours per FTE (1,880).</p> <p>1880 productive labor hours shall be used for cost proposal preparation purposes.</p>
21	Attachment L-3	Attachment L-3 Relevant Experience and Past Performance Reference Information Form shows "completed form limited to 7 pages per reference contract/project". However in Section L.3 Proposal Preparation Instructions Volume II, Technical Proposal, page 161 of 198 it lists "Attachment L-3, Relevant Experience and Past Performance Reference Information Form is limited to five (5) pages." Please clarify the page limit of Attachment L-3.	See response to #21 in the Questions and Answers dated 9/28/12 on the procurement website.
22	Section L.2	Section L.2 Proposal Preparation Instructions, Volume I, I. Section K, has the requirement on completion of online ORCA and fully execution of the Reps and Certs in Section K. However in line item K. it shows "Additional Offeror Representations, Certifications, and	See response to Question #55 in the Questions and Answers dated 9/28/12 on the procurement website.

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		Acknowledgment [other than those executed in the online ORCA]. Please advise what are the additional Reps and Certs? Does it mean the Section K? If so, this line item K. should be deleted.	
23	Question 5 RFP Questions and Answers dated 10/4/12 on the procurement website	The answer to Q.5 [RFP Questions and Answers dated 10/4/12 on the procurement website] infers a 36 month base period. However we do want to point out a possible inconsistency: Section F.1, item (2) says that the Base Period is "2 through 36" months after the effective date of the contract (i.e. 35 months) and the L-6 table in Exhibit B says that the Base Period is 35 months, which is consistent with F.1.	<p>The previous to response Question #5 in the Questions and Answers dated 10/4/12 on the procurement website is revised to correct the start date for the option period (CLIN 003) performance period as follows:</p> <p>From: July 1, 2016</p> <p>To: June 1, 2016</p> <p>The base period (CLIN 002) is 35 months in accordance with Section F.1, Contract Term.</p>